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1. PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPING NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN CONSULTATION
GON AND OAS SLIM HERE AS GON BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS WOULD HAMPER
SUCH INITIATIVES. OAS PROGRAMS OPERATING FULL CAPACITY LEAVING
NO MARGIN FOR EXPANSION.

2. HOWEVER POST PROPOSES THAT IF ITS CU BUDGET IS INCREASED \$3,000-
\$5,000 IT COULD EXPLORE "MATCHING-FUNDS" WITH LOCAL INSTITUTIONS,
UNIVERSITIES AND POSSIBLY GON MINEDUCATION. WITH EXPANDED CU FUNDS
MATCHED BY LOCAL FUNDING, GRANTEES FROM CULTURAL/ACADEMIC/POLITICAL/
ECONOMIC SECTORS COULD BE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN 2-6 MONTH
SEMINARS IN US AT UNIVERSITIES, CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS OR FOUNDATIONS.
THIS WOULD PROVIDE AN INDEPTH EXPOSURE TO THE US NOT PROVIDED AT
PRESENT TIME BY IV GRANTEE PROGRAM. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE OP-
PORTUNITY FOR US SPECIALISTS DRAWN FROM ACADEMIC, CULTURAL,
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SECTORS TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR EXPERIENCE
THROUGH RECIPROCAL TRAVEL TO NICARAGUA.

3. FOR EACH NICARAGUAN SENT TO U.S. THERE WOULD BE ESTIMATED COST
OF \$1,000 PER MONTH PLUS TRAVEL EXPENSES. THE COST OF EACH U.S.
PARTICIPANT IN EXCHANGE PROGRAM WOULD BE THE SAME. U.S. EXCHANGE
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PARTICIPANTS WOULD WORK IN FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WORK, ETC.

4. POST DOES NOT FORESEE BEING ABLE TO MATCH FUNDS FOR MORE THAN
TWO NICARAGUANS AND TWO U.S. CITIZENS FOR THE FIRST YEAR. IF THE
PROGRAM BECOMES INSTITUTIONALIZED, BACKED UP BY STATE DEPT/CU
FUNDING AND COORDINATION, IT IS QUITE LIKELY NICARAGUAN PRIVATE
INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS BANCO CENTRAL, INSTITUTO DE DESSARROLLO

S.A. (INDESA), OR NICARAGUAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (INDE) THROUGH
ITS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EDUCREDITO, WOULD BE WILLING TO PUT UP
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